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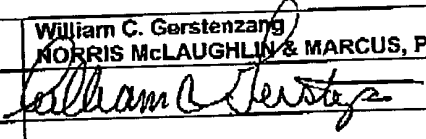
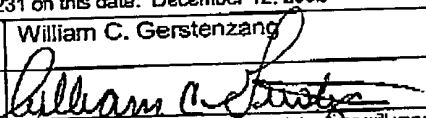
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application
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- a. ☐ Previously submitted
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- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)
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- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)
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